(c) what amount of funds has been spent on the preparation of this satellite?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Indian Remote Sensing Satellite (IRS-1A) now scheduled to be launched in early 1988.

(c) The sanctioned cost of the Indian Remote Sensing Satellite Project which includes cost for the development and building of one flight model and one back-up proto flight model and other ground facilities together with the cost of one lanuch is Rs. 69.80 crores. The expenditure upto 31-3-1987 is around Rs. 60.12 crores.

India's Share in IDA

3080. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Times of India dated the 8th August, 1987 under the heading 'India's share in I.D.A. may fall further;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by the Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (c) Government of India are aware of the decision that the share of major low income blend countries (India and China) should be around 30 per cent of IDA allocations to the extent compatible with other objectives, and that the nominal allocations to these countries should be at least maintained. No decision has yet been taken on the respective shares of India and China within this broad allocation.

Manufacture of 155 MM Howitzers in India

3981. SHRI K. G. MAHESHWARAPPA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the contract with Bofors for purchase of 155 mm Howitzers provides for the ultimate manufacture of these guns in India;

(b) whether it is proposed to manufacture 1500 guns of this specification over a period of ten years;

(c) what is the number of factories which are to be set up in India for the purpose of manufacturing these guns; and

(d) what is the total financial outlay involved in this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) A separate Licence Agreement for manufacture of 155 mm Howitzers has been signed with M/s. AB Bofors, Sweden.

(b) It will not be in the national interest to disclose this information.

(c) and (d) Details regarding the number of factories to be set up and financial outlay, etc., will be known after the approval of the Detailed Project Report.

Agreement on MTR with West German Firms

3982. SHRI K. G. MAHESHWARAPPA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have entered into agreement with some West German firms for the development of Baliapal (Orissa) Missile Test Range; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the firms and the terms of the contract?